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Title : Process for Manufacturing Component Parts, Use of Same,
: with Air Bearing Supported Workpieces and Vacuum
: Processing Chamber

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed on or after September 28, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. (A Substitute Specification with marked up version submitted concurrently herewith).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Abstract is included on a separate page.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.